

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit this response to the DECISION ON APPEAL rendered February 21, 2008. The DECISION affirmed the Examiner rejections of all of the pending claims. Responsive to the affirmed rejections, Applicants cancel claims 48, 49 and 51-66. Applicants submit new claims 67 through 70. No new matter is added by these claims. These claims are supported fully by the specification as filed.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are allowable. Favorable action is solicited.

Any amendments made during prosecution of this application are intended solely to expedite prosecution of the application and are not to be interpreted as acknowledgement of the validity of any rejection raised in prosecution, nor as acknowledgement that any citation made against the application is material to the patentability of the application prior to amendment.

This Response is being filed with a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114. No additional fees are believed necessitated by the filing of this Response. Should any such additional fees be required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 18-2000, of which the undersigned is an authorized signatory.

Should the Examiner believe that there are any outstanding matters capable of resolution by a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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